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Mrs. John H. Rust
Corresponding Secretary
The Garden Club of Fairfax
Fairfax, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Rust:

As you know, we have been considering a site for the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building for more than a year, in cooperation with the National Capital Regional Planning Council and the National Capital Planning Commission. We have studied more than 30 possible locations, and we engaged a private firm of landscape architects and consulting engineers to provide us with independent recommendations in this matter.

Recently, we received the final report of the National Capital Planning Commission approving our proposal to locate our new building on a portion of the Bureau of Public Roads property at Langley, Virginia. Inasmuch as you have expressed an interest in the location of our headquarters building, we would like you to know that we have decided to proceed with our plans for the development of that site.

We realize that this decision is adverse to the interest you have expressed in this matter, but I am sure you will recognize the impossibility of obtaining unanimous agreement regarding the selection of a site for an installation of this size. It is, of course, possible for us to select only one location and we sincerely believe that the property at Langley provides the site best suited to our needs.

We appreciate the opportunity you have provided us to consider your views, and I should like to thank you for the interest you have shown in this matter.

Sincerely,

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/s/
L. K. White
Deputy Director

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